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1. On 29 January and 1 February 1952, the Husaren Kaserne on Kaethe Kollwitzstrasse, Bautzen (O 52/A 60), quartered about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. All barracks buildings were fully lighted during the evening. Besides intensive training of drivers on T-34 chassis and trucks, about 300 troops were seen practicing entrenching at the Binnewitz drill ground southeast of the city. About 100 of them wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and the other 200, red-bordered black epaulets. The latter troops were inspected by 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant colonel, 1 captain and 3 other officers who arrived at the drill ground in sedans ☐ on 4 February.

2. On 1 February, the MGB quarters on Maettigstrasse were occupied by about 150 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Colonel Mikhailov (fnu) was identified as the commanding officer of these troops. Other officers identified with the unit were: Lieutenant Colonel Katoshenko (fnu), deputy commander; Major Danilov (fnu); and Captain Tannev (fnu). On 29 January, a unit of 2 officers and 60 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets and carrying sub-machine guns was seen marching from the MGB quarters to the Husaren Kaserne. About 30 soldiers, under the supervision of a captain, received bayonet drill at the training field on Siegfried Raedelstrasse on 1 February. ☐ 25X1

* ☐ Comment. The strength estimate of 2,000 troops in the Husaren Kaserne, which surpasses the strength of the 44th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div carried there, has not been substantiated ☐ No unit other than the 44th Gds Tank Regt is known to be stationed in Bautzen. Indications observed in December 1951 as to a possible increase in the number of troops at the Bautzen military post are not borne out by the present report. ☐ Apart from the identification of Major Danilov (fnu) and Captain Tannev (fnu), the data contained in the present report regarding the MGB office are known. 25X1

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